

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of this application.

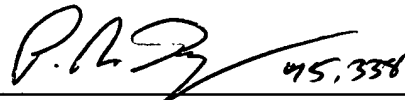
Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-24 will remain pending in this application.

Early and favorable action on the merits of this application is earnestly solicited.

If additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment or the accompanying Sequence Listing Submission, such as fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 032301.1181.

Respectfully submitted,

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INSERTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0068] beginning at page 23 with the following paragraph:

a' --[0068] Chromosomal DNA from *Corynebacterium glutamicum* ATCC 13032 was isolated as described by Tauch et al. (1995, Plasmid 33:168-179) I.B.R. A DNA fragment which carries the fadD15 gene was amplified with the aid of the polymerase chain reaction. The following primers were used for this:

(SEQ ID NO: 3) 5'-TGA TTG GTG CAG ATA TAA GAA GTT-3'

(SEQ ID NO:4) 5'-CAG CGA AGC GTG TTG GT -3'--